



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

"There is no substitute for the collective action of inspired citizens. If we are to claim our destiny, personal engagement is not an option - it is an imperative."
Gray Davis

Californians have traditionally rolled up their sleeves and tackled some of our toughest community challenges. Today, there is a growing field of opportunities in California for people of all ages to become involved in their communities through nonprofits, schools, colleges and universities, places of worship and business. At GO SERV, we believe that Californians play a critical role in addressing our state's priorities through service and volunteerism and that government efforts are stronger when closely aligned with involved citizens. Through service, people representing the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of California learn about each other and how to work together toward the common good. It is also through service that our next generation of teachers, youth workers, nonprofit managers, and civic-minded professionals emerge. At GO SERV, our programs and activities ensure that the tradition of citizen engagement in California endures and delivers meaningful results on critical issues in communities.

GO SERV's Programs:

GO SERV is providing roughly \$30 million in funding to nonprofit and public agencies to support service and volunteerism, recognizing people and programs who are making a difference, and connecting Californians with opportunities to serve in their communities.

QUICK FACTS

- Since 1994, GO SERV has disseminated over **\$190 million** in AmeriCorps funding.
- Our funding is directed to local and statewide public and nonprofit agencies.
- **40,000** opportunities have been created for AmeriCorps members in California since 1994.

AmeriCorps

This year, GO SERV is providing more than 7,000 service opportunities through AmeriCorps through nearly \$30 million in grants to nearly 60 programs operated by nonprofit and public agencies throughout the state. AmeriCorps members are tutoring and mentoring children and youth, reaching out to people from disadvantaged backgrounds with valuable health and social services, working to preserve and maintain California's natural habitats and resources, and helping to address public safety issues.

GO SERV Spotlight

GO SERV recognizes a person, group of people, or organization that involves people in service and volunteer activities that are making a difference in California's communities. People and organizations in the GO SERV *Spotlight* are featured on the homepage of the GO SERV Web site, given a certificate of recognition, and are the focus of the weekly GO SERV Spotlight press release.

Volunteer Here

The GO SERV web site helps Californians connect with volunteer opportunities in their communities. Schools and nonprofit organizations in need of volunteers list the opportunities they have available on the GO SERV web site.

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